
THE ACTS CHURCH 2:42
"EXPERIENCE REAL CHURCH"

TEXT: *1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 KJV*

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; (13) And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. (14) Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. (15) See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. (16) Rejoice evermore. (17) Pray without ceasing. (18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (19) Quench not the Spirit. (20) Despise not prophesyings. (21) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. (22) Abstain from all appearance of evil. (23) And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (24) Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. (25) Brethren, pray for us. (26) Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. (27) I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren. (28) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

INTRO: *Unto the Coming of the Lord*

One very obvious observation in the 2 Letters to the Thessalonians is that Paul was both educating them about the Last Days and the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ as well as warning them to be prepare to wait for His return.

Most commentators that I have read on these passages tend to think that Paul was correcting the false doctrine of the imminent return of Christ…

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Correction of their error as to Christ's immediate coming. The apostasy that must precede it. Exhortation to steadfastness, introduced with thanksgiving for their election by God.

2 Thessalonians 2:2 KJV

That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ ***is at hand***.

… he encourages them to wait expectantly upon the Lord's return

1 Thessalonians 1:7-10 KJV

So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. (8) For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. (9) For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; (10) ***And to wait for his Son from heaven***, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, ***which delivered us from the wrath to come***.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless ***unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ***.

1 Thessalonians 5:24 KJV

Faithful *is* He that calleth you, Who also will do *it*.

I. *BE AT PEACE WITH YOUR LEADERS*

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 KJV

And we beseech you, brethren, to **know them** which ***labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you***; (13) And to ***esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake***. ***And be at peace among yourselves***.

This message needs to be preached to the church in America…

Respect our pastors and elders

And be at peace among yourselves.

II. *Be at PEACE with your neighbors*

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15 KJV

Now we exhort you, brethren, **warn** them that are ***unruly***, **comfort** the ***feebleminded***, **support** the ***weak***, **be patient** toward ***all*** men. (15) See that **none render *evil for evil*** unto **any** man; but ever **follow** that which is ***good***, both among yourselves, and to all men.

III. *Be at PEACE with GOD!*

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 KJV

Rejoice evermore. (17) ***Pray*** without ceasing. (18) In every thing ***give thanks***: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (19) ***Quench not the Spirit***. (20) ***Despise not*** prophesyings. (21) ***Prove*** all things; ***hold fast*** that which is good. (22) ***Abstain*** from all appearance of evil.

IV. *Promised Blessings*

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V. *Closing*

1 Thessalonians 5:25-28 KJV

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